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Letter to Philander Chase

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Putnam Lys
March 23
1833

My Dear Bishop

I have long wished to write
to you but have not had the re-
solution to do so. And truly how-
ever can I say that the feelings
of my heart towards you have never
suffered the slightest diminution
of respect and affection. I cannot
fathom the depth of the conduct
which has been pursued towards
you, but of the continuance of
your undeviating devotion to the
same cause I have never
been even momentarily doubtful. No man
has one dearer valued friend
than I have, I am sorry
to hear of, and I hope to share soon
this work of trial on the 1st of this

North I am desired by his most ex-
cellent widow to let you know. His
pious migration & cheerfulness
remained with him to his last
breath. In Aaron Ballou's words
"Long pining illness proved his equal soul
patience like a Martyr's crown
I saw him 5 times since I brought
up my only remaining daughter
Marion in the beginning of Sept.
The fourth visit I paid him I
flattered myself he was really
better, but his treacherous con-
sumption had laid
its too vitally on his constitution
to allow of his recovery.
So I say medically but God's
good will & wisdom no doubt
will in this manner remove
himself from further trial a

faithful humble servant whom con-
serving even as it was this his life
(as systematically as human imper-
fections allow) to submit himself
to God's will and to make that
his own. Thro' out all his illay
lasting thro' a whole year, and
was his marked disposition. The
night before he died such dispo-
sition accompanied by unexan-
pated cheerfulness was wonderfully
displayed, and well justified the
saying of his excellent friends that
"that it was a
Blessed soul to be remembered!"
His excellent widow and children
are as well as of mercifully
supported as we could wish. I hope
they have a sufficiency for com-
fortable maintenance, and having
enough for food & cloathing they
will be there with content. The two

sons are grown up, & both are fine
young men and have been great
comfort to their dear parents)
tho' the trial of the last year
and I have no fear will continue
to be so. The dear girls now 3
nearly grown up give no disturbance
but occasionally from delicate
of health. All are truly amiable
& affectionate, & the 4 younger
boys are very good boys & great
comfort. We may feel assured
tho' the children of such parents
will not be forsaken by Him
when they have always sought to
make their friends, by faith in
His promises and resignation to
His blessed will. Our exalted friend
died at Lydenham in Kent abt 11
miles from London. Where they will
be is not yet determined, as

Many things require consideration
reference to so large a family. You
my excellent friend will feel that
I am sure for the state of this
isolated country. I am anxious
by for the Church. If we are
true to God's Church He will sup-
port it for its sake;

and as for our
devotion to it,
convinced as I
have we been
that for its sake
if from it we

derived all the present blessing
we have but shew down at
this Nation, very motive combining
to insure my fidelity to it. The
spiritual comfort it confers
how we are its highest claims
to my attachment & affection;
and the comfort to those paying
to no wife Parents & Children

gore before me, and the consolation
which my manifold afflictions have
divided from it, could make me
ungrateful in the extreme if my

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attachment to it are failed. My 2 dear
sons as well as my precious Mariand
are my greatest earthly comforts. Ho-
pely per 9 pers that will and an-
sire to hear from you, I am Ever
your most affec friend
Kenyon